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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NO. 29, SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

AS OF 1500 HRS (EST) FEBRUARY 16, 1975

1. THERE WAS A LARGE DEMONSTRATION IN ADDIS ABABA TODAY
IN SUPPORT OF THE EPMG'S EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE SECESSION
OF ERITREA. ERITREANS IN THE CAPITAL NO LONGER FEEL SECURE.

2. OUR MAAG UNIT HAS SENT THE DETAILED EPMG AMMUNITION RE-
SUPPLY LIST. CHMAAG CONSIDERS THE REQUEST, WHICH TOTALS
ABOUT \$30 MILLION, TO BE INFLATED AND UNBALANCED. STATE
AND DOD WILL CONSIDER THE EPMG REQUEST ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

3. THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN ASMARA CONCURS IN THE SUBSTANCE
OF THE DIAL TORGESON ARTICLE DOCUMENTING ATROCITIES AGAINST
THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF ASMARA.

4. TANZANIA HAS ENDORSED THE SUDAN'S CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE
IN ERITREA.

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5. IN ADDITION TO ITS REQUEST TO BUY EXCESS POWER FROM THE
KAGNEW GENERATING PLANT FOR ASMARA, THE EPMG HAS ASKED U.S.
HELP IN AIRLIFTING TO ASMARA THREE 1.5 MEGAWATT DIESEL
GENERATORS. THE EPMG ALSO SEEKS U.S. HELP IN PROCURING MORE
GENERATING EQUIPMENT. INGERSOLL

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